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Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-19, 2000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-19 by 2000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- Traffic was flowing at all POE without delay
- Fewer than 100 protestors attended a rally today in Windsor at the Great Canadian Flag which did not impact operations at the Ambassador Bridge.
- No future protests in Windsor were identified during the reporting period.
- Evidence continues to mount about some of the Windsor protest organizers alignment or sympathy with far right groups.
- Today's Windsor protest organizer posted a video on the group Facebook page of Person Personal the leader of Canada's DIAGOLON.

NIAGARA REGION

No protests were observed at the POEs in the Niagara region while conducting searches. No further information was found on the planned slow roll that gathered at 1230 hours at the HUSKY TRUCK STOP at 615 York Road, Niagara. At this time, the QEW remains open.

Peace Bridge

A citizen reported on Twitter that people with Canada Flags and Team Canada sweaters were waving from a couple of bridges away from the Peace Bridge (Figure 1).[i]

Figure 1 @valerieinto tweet regarding Peace Bridge

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OPP followed a small convoy that was headed to Fort Erie (unknown if it is the same group that gathered at the Husky Truck Stop) and were blocked by the Niagara Regional Police from setting up (Figure 2).[ii]

Figure 2 Convoy prevented by OPP from heading toward Fort Erie

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

Fewer than 100 protestors attended a rally today in Windsor at the Great Canadian Flag (Figure 3, next page). The protest, which lasted less than two hours, did not impact operations at the Ambassador Bridge. No future protests were identified during the reporting period. Several individuals were observed on a livestream commenting that there would be more protests when the weather gets warmer.[iii] Two of the main Facebook groups used by protestors to organize have changed the account settings private, and are no longer available for passive observation.

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Figure 3: Image from Leo Lucier Livestream[iv]

Evidence continues to mount about some of the Windsor protest organizers alignment or sympathy with far right groups. Facebook user Personal Info. , the organizer of today's protest, posted a video of Personal Info. ,[v] the leader of Canada's DIAGOLON, a far-right "accelerationist" group (Figure 4). A DIAGOLON patch was found this week on a piece of body armour located in a cache of weapons in Coutts, Alberta. Four men associated to the weapons were charged with plotting to kill RCMP officers.[vi]

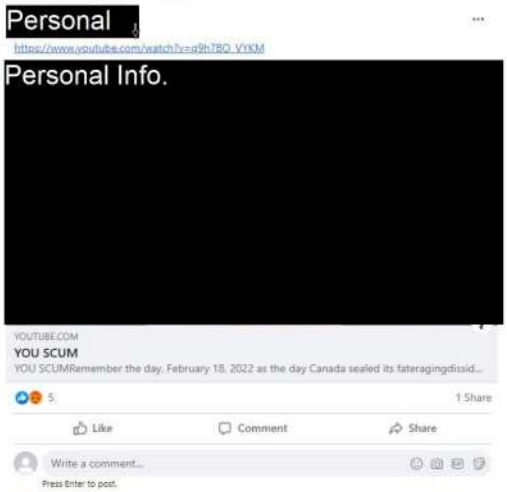

Figure 4: Post from Facebook user "Currie Freedom"[vii]

SARNIA

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

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OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

Uncorroborated information received that a flash demonstration was going to be held at the Toronto Pearson International Airport today (TPIA). Open source searches were not able to confirm this information and no protest reported at TPIA today. Passive searches are continuing in an effort to identify any activity at the TPIA.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

As significant law enforcement actions persist in Ottawa, live query support is continuing for posted activities that might change their location from Ottawa to the POEs.
With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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